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## PASSENGER TRAIN IS BURIED IN AVALANCHE

Cars on the Great Northern "Spokane Owl" Train Are Hurled From the Track Into the Gulch 300 Feet Below, and Many Lives Are Crushed Out Near the Scene of the Former Wellington Catastrophe of 1910

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Leavenworth, Wash., Jan. 22.—Two Great Northern passenger cars were hurled 300 feet into the bottom of a mountainous gulch and their human cargo buried under tons of rock and snow when a gigantic land and snow slide broke loose at the entrance of the Horseshoe tunnel at Corea at 6:45 o'clock this afternoon.

The number of dead is estimated variously from five to twenty.

The railroad company places the casualties at the lower figure. Reports from the scene of the accident, however, indicate that at least 20 were killed.

The train, which was known as the Spokane Owl, and was time-carded as No. 25, left Spokane at 8:15 p. m. Friday and was due at Seattle this morning at 8:15 o'clock.

Accident Near Wellington

The scene of the accident is six miles west of Wellington, where many lives were lost in a similar accident in 1910.

Searching parties were more than an hour locating the smoking car, which was buried at the bottom of the gulch. It was known to have contained 14 persons when it was struck by the avalanche.

The dining car was also hurled over the embankment, but no word had been received up to noon as to how many were carried over with it. The car lies wrecked near the bottom of the Cascade mountain ravine.

Rescue parties are working desperately to save the lives of those who may still be alive in the wreckage.

A sleeping car was bowled off the tracks, but did not crash over the gulch.

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Rescue Train Takes Workmen

A special rescue train was dispatched from Leavenworth shortly after noon. It carried 100 workmen who will go to the bottom of the gulch and help in the fight to rescue those buried in the two cars.

Corea, the scene of the accident, is 190 miles east of Seattle and six miles from Wellington. Further slides are feared. Telegraph connections were severed shortly after the first details of the accident reached here.

The operator at Alpine, two miles from the accident, flashed word that a second tremendous slide was under way.

Because of the sheer depth of the ravine, it took more than an hour to locate the two buried cars and start the work of clearing the wreckage. It is believed it will be late before the rescue parties are able to learn definitely the number of dead and wounded.

Whether the party will be able to save any of the injured, because of the difficulties of scaling the steep wall of the gulch is not known now.

Cashmere, Wash., Jan. 22.—Three persons are said to have been removed alive from the ruins of the two Great Northern passenger cars that are buried in the gulch near Corea. One report said that "a small boy had been taken out and he was not yet dead."

Four Cashmere people were on the wrecked train, but nothing has been heard from them. They were: Fern Murdock, 19, a student at Bellingham normal school; O. A. Miller, contractor; Matt Luken, merchant; and George Brandenburg, carpenter.

Meanwhile the Carranzistas are trying to cut off Villa's food supply. Frederico and Bernardo Duran, Mexicans, are reported to be in jail as the slayers of Bert Akers, an American who crossed into Mexico on a search for cattle thieves. It is claimed they killed Akers in a quarrel over the cattle. Akers' companion, Douglas Lawrence, of Yaletta, Texas, is said to have escaped.

Arrivals today told of the dynamiting of a passenger train near Puebla recently, with the loss of 23 lives and the survival of only one.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Trumbo, on route to Los Angeles, told of shots fired at their train, which arrived here last night. Mr. and Mrs. Willard Haymore, of Douglas, Ariz., were in the Trumbo party. The refugees agreed that sanitary conditions in many parts of Mexico are serious, and that a pestilential outbreak threatens many sections.

ARMENIAN CITY IS ATTACKED BY RUSSIANS

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Petrograd, Jan. 22.—The Grand Duke Nicholas' Caucasian soldiers are assaulting the outer defenses of Barm, the principal city of Turkish Armenia, according to dispatches today. Bombards and sharply cold weather, however, are hindering the attack, which is also blocked by modern fortifications.

## C. D. THOMPSON AGRICULTURIST FOR JOSEPHINE

C. D. Thompson, of Hood River, has been selected by the authorities at the agricultural college, working in conjunction with E. E. Blanchard, master of the county grange, as the farm expert for Josephine county.

For the past month the search for a man who would fit the peculiar conditions here, filling the position of both farm expert and horticulturist, has been on, and in Mr. Thompson it is believed that a wise choice has been made. He is a graduate of both the Oregon Agricultural college and the Michigan Agricultural college, and of a wide experience in practical farming and horticulture. He is of mature years, his age being 49, and has been in charge of work for the Oregon institution in the orchard districts of Hood River during recent years. At Michigan, Mr. Thompson specialized in agronomy, and comes to Josephine splendidly equipped to determine the problems concerning the various soil conditions to be found here. He will arrive ready to assume his work about February 1.

## NO MEXICAN DATA FOR CONGRESS YET

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 22.—President Wilson will not respond to the senate request for information on negotiations between the United States and Mexico for at least a month or six weeks, and maybe longer. It was learned reliably today. A great mass of matter bearing on the Fall resolution has been turned over to the White House by the state department. From this the president will select what he desires to send congress, for much of it is confidential and must be selected carefully. Likewise the Mexican situation is developing so rapidly that scarcely a day passes without increasing the bulk of the negotiations.

It is understood the president hopes that before the data is presented to congress developments below the border will prove that the course he has pursued has been the right one.

## GERMAN WIFE WINS IN SCRAP WITH ITALIAN HUSBY

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Oregon City, Jan. 22.—Because of an argument over a hard-boiled egg Ambrose Gesta is in the county jail here today. He told his wife that eggs were too expensive to put in their daughter's lunch. His wife is a German. The egg was all that was necessary to start hostilities. The wife was victorious.

## INDUCEMENTS TO GET INDICTMENTS

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 22.—"More than dollar bills," said former Congressman Fowler, of Illinois, today, "were offered to gain indictments in the alleged anti-ally activities of Labor's National Peace council at New York."

His statement was made in the course of a hearing before Court Commissioner Taylor, in which Fowler opposed removal to New York jurisdiction. He attacked the indictments on the ground that they failed to state an offense against the United States.

Moreover, he said that the information which would be adduced concerning the prosecution would "startle even the birds in the woods." He termed it unfortunate that he could not present his charges in full to Taylor, but suggested that if he himself were presiding in the case he would break any precedent to detect such "criminal and foul means" as had been used in causing his indictment.

## VILLA SENDS MESSAGE TO U. S.

Bandit Leader Denies Responsibility for Murder of 18 Americans, Claiming Plot to Discredit Him

El Paso, Jan. 22.—General Francisco Villa today sent a message to the American people saying he was not responsible for the murder of 18 Americans at Santa Ysabel. It came through Mayor Theodore Prieta, a staff officer, who reached here today.

Through Prieta, Villa said: "I took no part in the massacre, and did not know of it until afterward. It was merely a plot of the Carranzistas to bring me into disfavor with the United States, and it was similar to their previous methods to defeat me."

Prieta said that Villa gave him the message at El Paso, Chihuahua, where he left Villa as the latter was departing with his troops for Durango state. Prieta said Villa sent him as his personal representative to declare the bandit chieftain had no part in the bloody plot.

Villa declared that he himself will undertake to punish the murderers, "whether they were my followers or not," according to Prieta.

## CATTLEMAN 24TH VICTIM OF BANDITS

El Paso, Jan. 22.—The bullet-shattered corpse of Bert Akers, American cattleman, 24th victim of Mexican banditry in two weeks, reached here today. Akers came to his death at the hands of several Mexicans, armed with rifles, while he hunted stolen cattle.

With Douglas Lawrence, another rancher from Yaletta, Texas, he entered Mexico last night in his search for the animals the cattle thieves rustled Thursday. The pair reached San Lorenzo, a small hamlet, the church spire of which is visible from El Paso on a clear day. In a corral back of a rude adobe hut, Akers spotted his stolen beaver, and pounced at the hotel for admission. As he did so several armed Mexicans appeared from different directions and blazed at him, dropping him in instant death. Lawrence mounted his horse and fled for the border, while bullets sizzled near him and twice nipped his horse.

The situation took a possibly serious aspect from Lawrence's report to officials here that several of the raiders were dressed in the uniform of the Carranza de facto government.

In advance of a protest against this outrage, formally lodged by Americans, the Carranzista authorities at Juarez obtained statements from two Mexican prisoners, taken after the execution, in which they claimed self defense.

The Carranzistas assured the El Paso officials that if the pair are found guilty they will be punished summarily.

Official announcement was made today that General Francisco Villa, with 400 men, is encamped twelve miles south of Madera.

Reports that Villa and his outlaws the heading for Casas Grandes caused fear for the American Mormon colony at that point.

## DAMAGE DONE BY GALE AT ASTORIA, OREGON

Astoria, Jan. 22.—A 60-mile gale struck Astoria early today, unroofing several buildings and doing considerable minor damage. The roof of the O. W. R. & N. dock shed was blown off. Telephone poles and trees were blown down.

## NEW AIR CRAFT AND HEAVY GUNS GERMAN TERRORS

London, Jan. 22.—England may be startled before many months by an attack from German super-dreadnaughts, armed with mighty 17-inch guns, capable of throwing a 1-ton shell more than 20 miles.

The Daily News naval critic reported today that the Germans are arming their new battleships with this formidable weapon. This is believed to be the same kind of gun with which Dunkirk was bombarded some months ago.

The critic pointed out that such a gun outclasses anything in the British navy, and that hence the Teutons may well risk a sortie and challenge England's powerful fleet.

The newspapers, too, are filled with reports that a new German battle-ship, called the Fokker, destroyed 16 British biplanes in the last few weeks. One sheet was convinced that several Fokkers will accompany the next Zeppelin raids on the city.

## DISEASE DANGER FOLLOWING FLOOD

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Jan. 22.—With scores of cities and villages in northern Illinois facing typhoid fever danger as a result of the most disastrous floods in that region in a decade, swollen rivers shrink today, and the worst of the high water peril was believed past. The rain had ceased.

The fever danger, however, had not abated, for authorities here and elsewhere declared that overflowing sewers and rivers might tend to pollute water supplies, and thus imperil the people. Warnings to boil water were issued.

With the rivers receding at Joliet and in South Chicago, miles of streets were inundated. The Calumet dropped several inches since midnight.

Suffering was reported from Channahon, a town of 500 population, 10 miles from Joliet. Elsewhere, too, homeless people found themselves required to subsist on public charity temporarily.

Dynamite was used all night to blast ice jams at several points which were holding up great volumes of water.

## PRESIDENT AND MRS. WILSON GO YACHTING

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 22.—On the peaceful Potomac, President Wilson and his wife are seeking seclusion today aboard the presidential yacht Mayflower, that the president may better prepare his speeches for the coming tour in defense of his military preparedness program.

## PROBE LOOTING OF INSURANCE FUND

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 22.—Rumors were flying fast here today that more prosecutions are pending in connection with the looting of state industrial insurance funds, since the complete confession of Frank W. ("Portland Kid") Stone to Governor Lister, Attorney General Tanner and others here last night. Neither the governor nor Tanner confirmed any of the reports, however.

Stone is said to have admitted forging all the fraudulent claims against the insurance fund. He was unable to say definitely just when the frauds began; how much money had been secured, or the exact number of claims forged.

J. F. Gillies, Stone's partner in the "fishing" business, and formerly connected with the insurance commission, is on trial for complicity in the frauds. Whether Stone's confession implicated Gillies has not been learned.

## YUMA, ARIZONA, IS NEAR DESTRUCTION BY FLOOD

Levees Break, and the Waters of the Colorado River Are Poured Into the Streets of the City, Which Is in Danger of Being Wiped Out, With Heavy Loss of Life—Telegraphic Communication With City Is Cut Off

Calexico, Cal., Jan. 22.—Through two broken levees the water is pouring into Yuma this afternoon, rushing through the streets three to ten feet deep. One death from shock is reported. Adobe houses and small frame dwellings in the lower part of the town have been swept away.

Stocks are being removed from up-town stores. The electric plant is out of commission.

Fear is felt for the safety of Engineer Sam Dorn and a survey party in the Mexican delta country. If the flood catches them, it may be impossible for them to reach high ground.

Gila river water is topping the reclamation safety gauge, the highest register for which is 34 feet.

Los Angeles, Jan. 22.—Floods and overflowing rivers are rampant in southern and western Arizona this afternoon, and it is believed the inhabitants of Yuma are in danger of their lives.

Just before all telegraphic communication with Yuma failed at 4:30 this afternoon, it was reported the Yuma levee had collapsed, permitting water to flow down to rush through the streets.

Inhabitations were in flight. Floods were still out of control by 5 p. m. Messages from these said the Salt river was falling, but low lands were still under water, while refugees sought shelter in the city.

Long distance telephone calls from Yuma before the wires failed said the water was seven feet deep in the lower districts of the city.

Yuma is the county seat of Yuma county, Ariz., located on the Colorado river at the mouth of the Gila river, 230 miles southeast of Los Angeles. Its population under the 1900

census figures was 1,402. It is known as one of the hottest places in the United States.

Steamboats ascend the Colorado river from the Gulf of California to Yuma and beyond.

El Centro, Cal., Jan. 22.—It was reported here this afternoon that a break in the reclamation service levee south of Yuma had occurred, pouring flood waters into the Yuma valley. The flood had inundated the business section to a depth of from three to ten feet.

## BODY BROUGHT FROM HILLS BY FIANCEE

San Bernardino, Cal., Jan. 22.—The body brought out of the mountain blizzards by his fiancée, Fred Fryman, will be buried in this city tomorrow instead of in a remote canyon.

Fryman vanished in the storm near San Bernardino last Friday. It was reported today that a woman hiker near where he was found, but after other Robinson, of Riverside, his fiancée, tramped over the snow from San Bernardino to the scene of the tragedy and identified that the remains be carried to civilization.

Mountain men made the body possible and saved the fiancée's journey. All trails had been destroyed and the way was almost impassable, but spurred by the urgency of the girl four men dragged the coffin to the snow line and then carried it through the hills on their shoulders until they reached civilization, where it was placed in an automobile and brought here.

## NEW HEAD OF STANFORD UNIVERSITY WAS INAUGURATED SATURDAY

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Stanford University, Cal., Jan. 22.—Before a gathering of distinguished Stanford alumni, undergraduates of the two upper classes and members of the faculty, Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur was inaugurated as president of Leland Stanford Junior university this afternoon. The ceremonies occurred in Memorial church after Dr. Wilbur was tendered a luncheon by the trustees at noon. Chaplain D. C. Gardner directed the invocation. Chancellor Jordan, presiding, introduced Forest S. Fisher, of Portland, who spoke for the alumni. William Mayo Newhall, representing the board of trustees, conferred the office on Dr. Wilbur.

To universities and to their professors he paid a tribute. He held that the teachers of the colleges blaze the trail in research work looking toward solution of many great social problems.

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In closing he sounded the keynote of service, of good citizenship, as a mighty aim for every man and woman within the institution.

"We must all then together stand ready to do our utmost to defend and develop our institutions and our country," he said. "Upon us, with the advantages of university associations, falls a full measure of responsibility. An education which brings with it mere dilettantism is as empty as a decorated egg shell. Education should be from the heart outwards, should strengthen the foundations of character, enhance the spirit of helpfulness, the desire to be worth while in the days, be they few or many, that lie before us."

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